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REPORTS AND NEWS

Society for Hindu-Christian Studies 2015 Annual General Meeting November 20, 21 and 23, 2015 Atlanta, Georgia

The society's annual meetings are held in conjunction with the annual meetings of the American Academy of Religion. Please consult the AAR web site for details as to location, housing, and the like.

The format of our meetings typically consists of two sessions, the first on Friday evening and the other on Saturday, Sunday, or Monday, with a business meeting (open to all members) in the final half hour of the second meeting.

The society's 2015 Annual Meeting will be held in Atlanta, Georgia, November 20-23.

2015 Annual Meeting Program

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2015

7:00-9:00pm, Marriott-M101 (Marquis Level)

AAR Program: P20-405

Joint Session with the Dharma Academy of North America

Theme: Rebirth: Hindu and Christian Perspectives

Stephanie Corigliano, Boston College, Presiding

Bradley Malkovsky, University of Notre Dame
Reincarnation and Christianity: An Historical and Theological Overview

Francis X. Clooney, Harvard University
The Early Jesuit Critique of Rebirth: What Can We Learn from History?

Ankur Barua, University of Cambridge
Revisiting the Rationality of Reincarnation

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Jonathan Edelmann, University of Florida
One-life and Many-life Theisms: A Philosophical Discussion

Responding: Chakravarthi Ram-Prasad, Lancaster University

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2015

7:30-8:30am, Hilton-407 (Level 4)

AAR Program: [P21-1](#)

Society for Hindu-Christian Studies Board Meeting

Chad Bauman, Butler University, Presiding

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2015

9:00-11:30am, Hilton-407 (Level 4)

AAR Program: [P21-105](#)

Theme: God and Evil in Hindu and Christian Theology, Myth, and Practice

Lance Nelson, University of San Diego, Presiding

Andrew J. Nicholson, Stony Brook University
Hindu Disproofs of God: The Sāṃkhya Sūtras on God's Psychology and the Problem of Evil

Rico Gabriel Monge, University of San Diego
The Good and the Bad, the Beautiful and the Ugly: An Eastern Orthodox Perspective on Theodicy

Lance Nelson, University of San Diego
Creation, God, and Evil in Plotinus, Augustine, Śaṅkara, and Abhinavagupta

Graham M. Schweig, Christopher Newport University
From "Angry Curse" to "Poetic Verse": Aspects of Good and Evil in Bhakti Traditions

Lavanya Vemsani, Shawnee State University
Narasimha, No Boundaries: Evil and Good in Myth and Practice

James Ponniah, University of Madras
Subaltern Encounter of Evil: Subverting the Dominant and Appropriating the Indigenous

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Business Meeting

Chad Bauman, Butler University, Presiding

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2015

9:00-11:30am, Marriott-M104 (Marquis Level)

AAR Program: [P23-100](#)

Joint Session with the Society for Buddhist-Christian Studies

Theme: Thomas Merton at 100: His Influence on the Study of Hinduism and Buddhism

George Kilcourse, Bellarmine College, Presiding

Francis X. Clooney, Harvard University

'All the Way from India:' Merton in the Mirror of Hinduism

Thomas Forsthoefel, Mercyhurst University

Merton and the Axes of Dialogue

Judith Simmer-Brown, Naropa University

Ambivalence in Shangri-La: Merton's Orientalism and Dialogue

John P. Keenan, Middlebury College

Thomas Merton's Unfinished Journey: From Encounter to Sharing
